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MILLION FREEDOM FUND ASSOCIATION.

The subscribers to the Million Freedom Fund met on the 26th day of July last, pursuant to notice duly issued, in accordance with the requirements of the conditions upon which the subscriptions were made.

William Claflin, Esq., of Newton, was chosen Chairman of the meeting, and James M. Stone, of Charlestown, Secretary.

It was voted, That the subscribers to the Million Freedom Fund assume the control of the Fund, in accordance with the conditions upon which the subscriptions to said Fund were made; and that a board of Trustees be chosen to have charge of the Fund.

It was voted, That a committee be appointed to report a plan for a permanent organization of the subscribers.

The committee on organization reported, and the following was adopted as the

Constitution of the Million Freedom Fund Association.

Article I. The subscribers to the Million Freedom Fund shall be organized into an association, to be called the Million Freedom Fund Association, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Human Freedom in the United States of America.

Art. II. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eleven Trustees, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. III. The Trustees and the Secretary shall be chosen by the Association at the annual meeting.

Art. IV. The Trustees shall choose the President and Treasurer from among their own number.

Art. V. The annual meeting of the Association shall be on the fourth Thursday of July in each year. Special meetings shall be called by the President and Secretary, on the request of subscribers to one-tenth of the whole amount subscribed to the Fund.

Art. VI. The Trustees shall have charge of the Fund, and all matters appertaining to the increase, assessment, collection and application thereof, subject to the instructions of the Association, by vote, at any regular or special meeting.

Art. VII. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, in an amount satisfactory to the Trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Art. VIII. The Trustees and Treasurer shall report to the annual meeting of the Association.

The following persons were chosen

TRUSTEES.

WILLIAM CLAFLIN, of Newton.
Dr. S. G. HOWE, of Boston.
TIMOTHY GILBERT, of Boston.
Hon. SAM'L E. SEWALL, of Melrose.
Dr. CHARLES BECK, of Cambridge.
H. M. RICHARDS, of Attleboro'.
MARCUS MORTON, Jr., of Andover.
WM. B. SPOONER, of Boston.
Hon. F. W. BIRD, of Walpole.
JAMES FORD, of Abington.
C. B. WILDER, of Chelsea.

JAMES M. STONE, of Charlestown, was chosen Secretary.

It was voted, That one thousand circulars, embodying the constitution adopted, and the proceedings of this meeting, be printed, and sent to the subscribers to the Fund, and other friends of the cause of Freedom, and that there be appended to the circular a request to each subscriber to use his efforts to extend the subscriptions to the Fund.

It was voted, That the Trustees be instructed to consider the expediency of employing lecturers to address the people of the State on the subject of slavery.

It was voted, That the Trustees be requested to take immediate measures to increase the Fund to at least one million of dollars.

The Association then adjourned.

The Trustees met on Wednesday, the first day of August, and chose Dr. S. G. Howe, President, and William Claflin, Treasurer.

The Trustees also appointed a committee to report, at an adjourned meeting, some plan of action for promoting the designs of the Association.

Conditions of the Subscriptions to the Million Freedom Fund.

Art. I. For the purpose of furnishing the pecuniary means to carry forward such measures as shall be thought necessary to secure the triumph of Freedom in the United States of America, we do hereby agree to subject ourselves to an assessment not exceeding one per cent. annually upon the amount which we here subscribe; this assessment to be made by the Trustees of the Million Freedom Fund Association, and to be paid to the Treasurer of the Association for the time being, and expended at their discretion, they being subject to the instructions of the Association.

Art. II. No assessment exceeding one-half of one per cent. annually shall be made until the sum of one million of dollars shall have been subscribed, and each subscriber shall have the liberty of terminating his subscription by giving one year's notice.

Art. III. It is provided that any person may subscribe a specific sum, to be paid annually instead of a sum subject to assessment; and any sum so subscribed shall, for all purposes touching the management of the Fund, be considered equal to a sum of which it is one hundredth part, and shall also be so considered for the purpose of entitling the subscriber thereof to equal rights and privileges like other subscribers to the Freedom Fund.

According to this plan of subscription, no subscriber can be called upon to pay, in any one year, more than one per cent. of the amount of his subscription; and, until the fund be increased to one million of dollars, he cannot be called upon for more than one half of one per cent. annually. Thus a subscriber for $10,000 will be liable to pay but $100 a year, and, until the Fund shall amount to a million of dollars, but $50 a year; and subscribers for other sums in like proportion. This will be the utmost extent of the liability, and, except under extraordinary circumstances, it is not probable that more than one half of one per cent. a year will ever be assessed; while each subscriber may terminate his liability, or any portion thereof, by giving a year's notice. Those who prefer, may subscribe a specific sum to be paid annually, instead of a sum subject to assessment. And every subscriber will be a member of the Association, and entitled to vote in the election of Trustees, who will manage the Fund, and also to vote in the meetings of the Association, called for the purpose of giving directions to the Trustees in relation to assessments and the expenditure of the money which may be raised.

This plan for raising funds to carry on the anti-slavery work, promises to be effective for the accomplishment of much good. The friends of freedom have often heretofore been obliged to forego anti-slavery efforts, and let opportunities pass, for the want of means to work with. Exigencies occur, when prompt and efficient action to promote freedom's cause can only be secured by the use of funds, which there is no time to collect for the occasion. To avoid embarrassments, and to be prepared at all times to act with vigor, a reliable fund is needed. This can very easily be furnished without any heavy sacrifice being made by any one, if all who are able will contribute something from their abundance. And the Million Freedom Fund is simply a method of distributing and equalizing the burden of the expense of carrying on effectively the great contest with slavery, and for providing a permanent and reliable fund for constant and steady effort. Each subscriber will know, when called upon to pay his assessment, that he is but contributing a fair proportion, with a large number of others, to aid in the common cause.

The present is an important crisis in the contest between Freedom and Slavery. The aggressions of the Slave Power upon the rights of Freedom were never before marked with so great enormity and boldness. The movement to devote to Slavery the Free soil of Kansas and Nebraska, first by the violation of the Missouri Compromise, and then by outrage upon the rights of the actual settlers, is, in itself considered, of momentous practical importance; but it is of far greater importance when considered as but a single step in the onward march of Slavery. The recent outrage committed by Judge Kane, in imprisoning Passmore Williamson, whose only offence consisted in informing a woman, who with her two children had been brought by her master into Pennsylvania, that by law she and her children were free, together with the opinions promulgated in this case, from the bench of the U. S. District Court, are fearful indications of the aggressive intentions of the slave-holders. The spirit manifested by Judge Kane, and his decision in this case, clearly denote, that it is intended, under the sanction of the federal judiciary, to give the slave-holder the power to carry his slaves into the free states, and there hold them as slaves in defiance of the sovereignty and laws of those states, and thus realize the boasts of slave-holders, that they will yet call the roll of their slaves under the shadow of Bunker Hill Monument. These things show that slavery stops at no barriers, and is bound by no obligations, but presses on with a constant aim to secure for itself undivided sway over the destinies of this country. Slavery is utterly irreconcilable with the fundamental principles of freedom upon which our government is built, and utterly antagonistic to the Christian religion. Therefore slavery must overthrow Christianity and the fundamental principles of the government, or they will destroy slavery. Between them, there must be constant war. Those who would sustain and perpetuate slavery will not desist from aggressions upon freedom; and they could not desist if they would. Experience has now conclusively demonstrated that slavery *will* not, and *cannot* abide by any compromise with freedom. The battle must be fought on between Freedom and Slavery, discreetly, steadily, and earnestly, until Freedom shall be triumphant, or else Slavery will speedily extinguish every vestige of Freedom all over the country, and establish its own domination of despotism.

Now, then, is the time to work with renewed zeal and energy to resist the encroachments of the slave power, and to rally the people, and arouse public sentiment to the paramount importance of the issue between Freedom and Slavery.

Whatever may be the condition of political parties, the Million Freedom Fund Association will constitute a rallying point for the friends of Freedom, and will keep up an effective organization exclusively devoted to that cause.

The Fund will furnish the means for such prompt action as the exigencies of the cause may, from time to time, demand. An assessment of one per cent. upon it when increased to a million of dollars, will furnish ten thousand dollars. An annual assessment of one half of one per cent. will amount to five thousand dollars; and this will probably be sufficient except on extraordinary occasions.

The Million Freedom Fund and the formation of its subscribers into a permanent Association, have met with the approval of the friends of Freedom to whom it has been presented. Several of the old subscribers have this year voluntarily largely increased their subscriptions, and new ones have come forward and subscribed liberally.

Gentlemen who wish to aid the objects of this Association, and extend its capacity for usefulness, are desired to communicate with the Secretary at this office by mail or otherwise.

TO SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FUND.

By reference to the proceedings of the meeting of the Association, it will be seen that it was voted to extend a request to each subscriber to use his efforts to increase the subscriptions to the Fund. If each of the subscribers will do what he can to obtain new subscriptions, the Fund will soon be increased to at least a million of dollars. Subscribers are earnestly desired to bear in mind this request of the Association.

Those subscribers from whom the assessment of last year is still due, are reminded that the assessment is now payable to the Treasurer of the Million Freedom Fund Association, and they are requested to remit the same by mail or otherwise, by addressing the Secretary, at this office, and if by mail, direct to him, "Box No. 1273."

August 13th, 1855.—At a meeting of the Trustees, this circular was read and approved, and ordered to be signed by the President and Secretary, and printed.

Office of the Million Freedom Fund Association over No. 40 School St., entrance No. 2 Province Street.

Boston, August 13th, 1855.

S. G. HOWE, President.

JAMES M. STONE, Secretary.

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